



### **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2004**

Charleston Air Force Base, SC

June 04

## **315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Excellence Over the Years**

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**Flight 315 Bulletin...***news of our heroes, 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Alumni Association*

**Luncheon Meeting Notice...9<sup>th</sup> June 04 at the Charleston Club at 1100 hrs.** Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Many members are taking advantage of the lunch to enjoy fellowship with past and present troops. Door prizes & goodies awarded. *Don't miss it!*

**35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala: Hope the reunion weekend was a roaring success!**

### **You Wrote:**

- It was an outstanding beautiful event with 300 or more present for the gala and many of our alums from NY, TX, UT, PA, locals and across the country showed. It was a wonderful gathering and a super 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. We have nothing but the best military soldiers and civilians in our alumni and wing. We are proud of every one of you and your devotion to the 315 Airlift Wing and the country. Our Reserve Wing is one of the finest and supports its alums 100%. I'm ready for the next one. The membership is a testimonial to those who have given their all and cannot join or be a member. We of the past, present and future hopefully, will stand by our comrades in uniform and service to our nation by being members of the airlift wing alumni association. Sorry, I got a little sentimental, but 911 hit home hard. Thank you for all you do for your 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Alumni Association and Country. We will be talking about the anniversary celebration for a long time. The golf game, two flights C-141 and the C-17, Burger Burn, Good Food, Awards and the fantastic dinner gala by Major Generals James Banker and Bob Stephens was a great tribute to all. A special thanks, for coming our way...we really appreciate you taking the time to be with us. It was wonderful...a beautiful event. Happy 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!*
- 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Crew...My congratulations to all who had a part to make the weekend event a memorable one for us all. The two flights were super with many nice comments, the gala was outstanding and many want to do it again. The display board for the occasion, units can be proud of their displays. The boards gave a great insight of past and present activities/mission of respective squadrons/units. They were all winners! My personal thanks to those that work on the scene and behind the scenes to make the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala a success has my appreciation. The breakfast, burger burn and food were great.*

*All enjoyed the fun golf game and are asking for more. I wish the anniversary crew the best and my thanks for everything well done for our past and present troops of the 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing.*

- *It was a real pleasure to honor and celebrate the 943 MAG and 315 AW. It could not have been done without our Alumni family.*
- *Kudos...Congratulations! The 315 Airlift Wing honored as the state's outstanding Reserve Wing by the SC Air Force Association. Also, the designer of our new alumni emblem, Colonel James Joyce, Commander 315th Maintenance Group, was singled out for an exceptional service award. Everyone can take pride in your contribution to earn these awards.*

**Want to Join the Alumni?** Go to the web site and print the application and mail or drop in distribution.

**Information you can use...**The "Stars and Stripes" offers a free electronic paper online to read or download an exact replica of the paper at no charge; [www.estripes.osd.mil](http://www.estripes.osd.mil)

**Volunteers** are urgently needed to support the Family Support Center's Airman's Attic/Loan Closet/Food Pantry. Training will be provided and we will pay for up to 20 hours of child care for you while you volunteer. Even if you can only give 2 hours a week, your help would be greatly appreciated! For more information please contact 964-2036

**Mel Tillis at the Club** Mel Tillis is coming to the Charleston Club on Saturday, June 19. Watch for more details.

**Atlanta Braves Baseball** Enjoy some major league baseball action. Take an ORC trip Saturday, July 31 and Sunday, August 1 to watch the Atlanta Braves take on the New York Mets. Cost is \$135 per person which includes tickets for the Saturday & Sunday games, overnight lodging (based on double occupancy) and transportation. Game tickets are also available without taking the ORC trip. Call 1-800-628-1141 then enter 3-5271

**Eastern Caribbean Cruise** Join ORC for an Eastern Caribbean cruise January 22 thru 29, 2005. Cost per person is \$750 for inside and \$850 for outside cabin. These prices include transportation, cruise cost, port charges & taxes. A \$250 non-refundable deposit is due at registration. A payment schedule is available. Call 1-800-628-1141 then enter 3-5271. A nice trek for alumni members...give this some thought and let us know if interested as a group.

**Advance Space A Lodging** gets better with policy change...Reservations up to 30 days in advance are possible under a new change in the Air Force Space A Lodging policy. Art Myers, Director of Air Force Services, announced the change recently while addressing members of the Air Force Retiree Council during the annual meeting at Randolph AFB, Texas. He explained that the policy change, long backed by the Council, is effective immediately. Lodging managers at each base may accept and confirm reservations for Priority 2 (Space Available) up to 30 days in advance of the arrival date, for up to three-night accommodations, space permitting based on actual and projected occupancy. When projected occupancy is 86 percent or greater, managers may make

reservations up to three days in advance; when 85 percent or less, up to seven days in advance; when 80 percent or less, up to two weeks in advance; when 65 percent or less, up to 30 days in advance. Local managers have the option to extend these windows if the opportunity exists based on seasonal occupancy. Mr. Myers told the Council members, and explained in a policy letter sent to the services directors of all major commands, that Priority 1 customers will not "bump" Priority 2 customers with confirmed reservations, nor will they bump them once they are assigned quarters for a specific period of time. An exception to this would be in times of contingency, emergency, or when the installation commander determines higher priority exists. Members of the retiree community should note that installation commanders may establish a policy limiting the number of days Space "A" guests may stay in on-base lodging to no more than 30 days a year.

***Members & Guest don't forget Luncheon on Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup>. See you there 1100 hrs.***